

**Grade 6 Literacy Block: Reading & Writing Lab
2009-2010 Syllabus**

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Welcome to sixth grade **Literacy: Reading & Writing Lab**. Literacy can be defined as the ability to use language to read, write, listen, and speak. Language, in all of its many forms, is our foundation for purposeful communication and understanding. In this course, you will build upon what you already know about language and develop new strategies for effective reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Please take some time to read through this course syllabus and share it with a parent/guardian at home. I look forward to getting to know you throughout our school year together!

Expectations

You, the student, are essential to our classroom environment. Your special talents, the energy that you bring to class each day, and your contributions in class will have an impact on everyone around you. Here is what I expect from YOU each day:

<p><u>Prompt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> arrive to class on time & get started with tasks right away transition quickly & quietly from one activity to another 	<p><u>Polite</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be respectful & courteous be an active listener & only speak out at appropriate times be aware of how you present yourself
<p><u>Prepared</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> bring required materials to class each day collect & complete any missed work when absent 	<p><u>Productive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> produce quality work to the best of your ability communicate – ask for help participate in classroom discussions & activities stay on-task

Supplies

Please bring the following to class each day:

- assignment planner
- 2 sharpened pencils and a pen for self-correcting
- pocket dictionary & thesaurus (you may store these in the classroom)
- Writer's Notebook* (composition notebook to be stored in the classroom)
- one-subject spiral notebook for notes and practice exercises and a folder for handouts

Ultimately, you will gain confidence in your abilities and grow as both a reader and as an author throughout this school year!